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Here are four interesting incidents that occurred recently. We'll put them into a scenario so that we might understand how USDA could fit into a possible terrorist story line.

Reported incidents cited: Surveillance, stolen USDA sensitive information, theft of chemicals, and dirty bombs.

Proposed Story Line: Someone surveils a USDA site and uses that information to obtain sensitive information about the facility. They take the stolen sensitive documents that describe the vulnerabilities of the facility and formulate a plan of attack. Based on the gathered intelligence from the stolen information, they steal chemicals from the site and use it in a dirty bomb (a dirty bomb usually uses radioactive materials with an explosive). The final perpetration of the terrorist act is when they use the stolen information and materials to introduce a dirty bomb into the HVAC system of the building. The results of the terrorist act are obvious.

Question: So what can we do to prevent this from becoming a reality? Here are only a few suggestions to get the thinking process going.

Suggestions:

- a. You should be vigilant and alert to any unusual happenings or occurrences around your site and report them to the proper authorities.
- b. You should not release information to person(s) that are not properly identified and do not have a need to know. This could include such documents as floor plans, and site map layouts of critical infrastructure.
- c. You should properly secure sensitive information when not in use.
- d. You should ensure that the chemical inventory is up-to-date, properly annotated and secured.
- e. You should properly secure all chemicals.

f. You should look at your facility's vulnerabilities such as the positioning of your air-intakes to ensure the vulnerabilities are mitigated.

INCIDENTS

1. Suspicious vehicle conducting possible surveillance of Marine Barracks and Washington Navy Yard

On 19APR04, at approximately 1917, USMC personnel assigned to the front gate, Marine Barracks, 8th & I St SE observed a green Honda sedan stop in the street close to the entrance to the Barracks. The driver of the vehicle appeared to be staring intently at the Barracks/gate. When the Marine on duty approached to within 30 feet of the vehicle, it quickly drove north on 8th St. When the vehicle neared the end of the I St. block, the vehicle again slowed down and stopped in a "No Parking" zone and again stared intently at the Barracks. After a couple of minutes, the driver again pulled away. The Marine on duty then proceeded on foot to the area of 9th & I St., and observed the same vehicle make a U-turn on 10th & I St. Another Marine in the area also noticed the same vehicle making the U-turn on 10th & I St, and noticed the driver appeared to be talking on a cell phone. USMC personnel posted on the Latrobe Gate (Washington Navy Yard) noticed a similar vehicle in the area at approximately 1920 and again at approximately 1940 driving on M St. SE.

The vehicle was described as a green, four door Honda with Virginia tags XXX XXXX. The driver was described as a middle-eastern male, approximately 30 years old.

CYBERLINXX/NCIC queries for Virginia license plates XXX XXXX return with no record on file. Surveillance video footage of the incident was obtained and is currently being evaluated.

2. ALF Broke into Forest Laboratories

The following information was received anonymously by activists in the USA: The ALF [Animal Liberation Front] broke into Forest Laboratories to steal data, documents, schematics and prints to a newly constructed, non-operational Forest facility which is connected to the 500 Commack Road Forest complex in Long Island, New York. The ALF managed to evade security patrols while removing a window from its frame and gaining access to

on-site offices. Over 200 pages of blueprints detailing everything from electrical systems to plumbing and foundation plans were stolen along with cell phones belonging to the contracting companies. While making their escape, the ALF left a few messes for Forest to clean up in the morning. The attached photos (I did not include) are a small sample of the information that will soon be widely distributed throughout the international animal rights community. Forest can be certain that animal rights groups everywhere will soon know how to hit them at their most vulnerable points.

3. Chemical Theft - April 21, 2004

CASS COUNTY, IA - The theft of several thousand pounds of farming chemicals is raising some eyebrows in a small heartland community.

The motive is not clear but the word has gone out to the highest levels of law enforcement. The chemicals were stolen from a company in Cass County, Iowa near the city of Atlantic, some 60 miles east of Omaha. It was around 6:30 last Friday night when Wickman Chemical did business with a man who claimed to be from Minnesota. He wrote a check for an order of seven types of herbicides totaling approximately 7,000 pounds. It wasn't until Monday morning that the company realized the check was fraudulent. Wickman Chemical made a phone call and spoke with someone who claimed to represent the bank that had issued the check.

That bank doesn't exist. Cass County Chief Deputy Bill Sage says, "This is probably the largest amount of chemical that's ever been stolen in this town." Sage's initial concern was that this was linked to terrorism but he says that might be a stretch because it's not certain if the chemical could be used in an explosive. The Chief Deputy says, "I think a lot of it is the unknown. We don't want to assume anything. We don't want to assume this is just for retail use or someone is trying to black market it." As a precaution, investigators notified the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI and other law enforcement groups.

The suspect in the case is described as a white male in his early twenties. He's slender with black, shoulder length hair. He was driving a gray, 2002 or 2003 Dodge pickup truck with a flatbed box and it had a black trailer that was 10 to 12 feet long. The

vehicle had Minnesota license plates. The owners of the company wouldn't comment on the theft but Chief Deputy Sage says the purchase didn't raise any red flags because Wickman does business with people all around the U.S.

4. Dirty bomb plot on Sears Tower

British discover plan to use deadly chemical in attacks

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A plot by terrorists to use dirty bombs laced with the deadly chemical osmium tetroxide to attack U.S. targets including the Sears Tower in Chicago was uncovered by British intelligence and law enforcement authorities, according to a report in Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin.

British police and military bomb experts passed on information to their U.S. counterparts.

Traces of the chemical, as well as manuals for its use, were discovered by the British intelligence community during raids following the March Madrid attack.

A number of intelligence and security agencies include osmium tetroxide in their list of dangerous materials. It can be purchased in a gel-like form in small quantities. It is mainly used for laboratory experiments. The gel is highly toxic and can be developed into a coating element for bomb parts, or into an aerosol.

Though it is not clear from the sources that al-Qaida was behind the plot, Osama bin Laden's network had previously eyed the Sears Tower as a target, following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The terrorist group's operations chief, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, told interrogators that al-Qaida's follow-up attacks in the Midwest and West Coast were thwarted by the intensity of the U.S.

response to the strikes on the World Trade Center in New York City and on the Pentagon.

Mohammed said he and his nephew, Ramzi Yousuf, who was behind the first World Trade Center bombing a decade ago, had identified the targets through almanacs of American buildings.

"We were looking for symbols of economic might," he told interrogators.

Following 9-11, about \$6.5 million was invested to improve the building's security, including more digital cameras, tightly controlled access requiring a security-approved card to get through turnstiles, additional security officers and improved communications with government and outside agencies.

Osmium tetroxide can attack soft human tissue and can cause blindness for anyone who breathes its fumes. It can also cause an agonizing death.

A plan to launch a chemical attack in Britain had also been prevented.